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1.(SBU) Slovakia will be represented at the May 29 Stockholm Ministerial by MFA Political Director Roman Buzek. Pol/Econ Chief raised reftel points with the Marian Tomasik and Klara Novotna (Director and Deputy Director of the MFA's Middle East Directorate) both of whom expressed interest in bolstering Slovak cooperation with Iraq. Ambassador Tomasik noted that the GOS was intensifying diplomatic efforts to secure the Iraqi Government's approval of a long-stalled bilateral MOU on cooperation. The main elements of the MOU focus on military training programs, but could, according to Novotna, open the door to further assistance.